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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News
Foreign and *Domeſtic.*

Edinburgh, Thurſday Auguſt 1, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, July 27.

Milan, July 10.

WE have received Advice from Cadix, that the Flotilla bound for Vera Crux, ſailed from that Port the 6th Inſtant. Letters from Seville ſay, the Importing of India Callicoes from Holland has lately been permitted there.

Bruſſels, July 29. The Count and Counteſs de Lippe ſet out this Day for London.

Milan, July 10. Thisy Da about Noon a Fire broke out on board ſeveral Barks on our Lake, loaded with Wood, Coals, and other combuſtible Matters; whereby not only ſome Hundreds of theſe were reduc'd to Aſhes, but alſo ſix of the Palaces in that Part of the Town: Several Perſons periſh'd in the Flames, a much greater Number were wounded: All the Soldiers of our Garriſon have been ordered to aſſiſt in extinguiſhing the Fire; but the Wind being very high, it carries burning Fire-brands to a great Diſtance. At this very Inſtant of the Departure of the Mail, the Alarm Bells are heard all over the Town.

Bruſſels, Auguſt 2. All the Colonels of our National Troops, whoſe Regiments were dwindled away from 23000 Men to 12 or 1300, have received Orders to augment them to 1700, each conſiſting of 17 Companies. The late Biſhop of Rocheſter has hired a Houſe in this City.

Hague, Auguſt 3. Letters from Stockholm ſay, the States of the Kingdom of Sweden have taken ſeveral Reſolutions, as particularly, To appoint Commiſſioners to manage the Cuſtoms of the Kingdom; as alſo, That upon Demiſe of the longeſt Liver of their preſent Majeſties, no Foreign Miniſter ſhall be permitted to reſide there, from the Time of their Death till the Election of another King.

London, July 27. Butler, who was lately condemned for robbing on the High Way, has made large Diſcoveries of his Fraternity.

This Day the Mary Yatcht, Capt. Charles Molloy Commander, ſet Sail for Holland, having on board the Duke and Dutcheſs of Richmond.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, July 25.

Bruſſels, July 28. All the Foreign Plenipotentiaries that remained here are gone to Herenhauſen, where the King of Great Britain is returned from Pyrmont. When the Congreſs will be opened is as much a Myſtery as it has been for a great while. This we are well aſſured of, that nothing relating to the principal Points in queſtion, eſpecially thoſe relating to the Succeſſion of Spain, will be brought upon the Anvil, till the Lord Whiteworth return hither from Germany.

Copenhagen, July 25, N. S. The Lord Glenorchy, the Britiſh Miniſter, hath of late had ſeveral Audiences of the King in private; and 'tis thought he may ſoon go to Hanover, to wait on his Majeſty.

Paris, July 3. M. Chavigny, formerly Envoy Extraordinary from the King to the Republic of Genoa, is appointed to go to Hanover; from whence he will attend his Britannic Majeſty to London.

Petersburg, July 12. 12. A magnificent Equipage is preparing here for the young Czarowitz, his Imperial Majeſty's Grandſon, who has taken a Fancy to travell to Foreign Parts. The Nobility and others who are to attend him will be named in a few Days. M. de Campredon, the French Miniſter, has deferr'd his Return to Stockholm, having received Inſtructions to continue here ſome time longer. The Naval Armaments are ſuſpended here and in other Harbours, ſo that we expect no Commotions in theſe Parts. A new Coin of Rubles, each Rubel being reckoned worth Half-a-Crown, has been diſperſed here to the great Satisfaction of the Inhabitants, who were in extream want of Money. The Gallies here will be laid up next Month.

Prague, July 8. Preparations are continued for their Imperial Majeſties Coronation, which will be performed with greater Luſtre, than was at firſt intended. The Empreſs Conſort has ſtill a Proſpect of Pregnancy, and is in better Health than ſhe has been for many Months paſt.

Turin, July 10. Couriers paſs and re-paſs daily between this Court and that of Vienna, which has occaſioned frequent Councils in the Preſence of the King of Sardinia. 'Tis certain, that the former Harmony and good Correſpondence is re-eſtabliſhed between the two Courts; however this Court ſeems not well pleaſed with the Emperor's having conſented to Don Carlos of Spain's coming over to Italy.

Hamburg, July 29. We are aſſured by Letters from Iſpahan That Prince Meriweys continues to harraſs the Muſcovite Garriſons on that Side, ſo that they are in want of ſeveral Neceſſaries; notwithſtanding this, the Czar is fully determined to puſh on his Conqueſts on the Side of Perſia with the outmoſt Vigour.

From the Flying Poſt.

Paris, July 23. The Duke de la Meilleraye, only Son of the Duke of Mazarin, riding in his Chaiſe lately through the Suburb of St. Germain, drove ſo madly, That he overturn'd a Fruit Woman's Stall, who made ſuch a Noiſe, that the Neighbours ran and ſtoped his Horſes, and ſhe demanded Satisfaction. A Prieſt of St. Sulpicius coming that way in his Surplice, having been to give Extreme Unction to a ſick Man, took the Fruit Woman's Part, and ſaid the Duke ought at leaſt to make her Amends; which ſo provock'd the Duke, That he made the Prieſt's Ears tingle with his Whip. The Prieſt thereupon complain'd to the Cardinal de Noailles, who having given an Account of it to the Duke of Orleans, Duval that commands the Horſe Watch, was ſent next Day with four or five Archers to Mazarin's Houſe, where they arreſted the Duke by Vertue of a Letter under the Royal Signet, and committed him Priſoner to the Baſtile for a Year; which his Father is not ſorry for, becauſe it will prevent him from any Proſecution by the Prieſt.

Hague, July 31. The King of Great Britain daily preſſes for an Union among the Proteſtant Princes of Germany, as the moſt effectual way to obtain Redreſs of

of their Grievances: The Emperor's Grant to the India Company in the Netherlands has engaged ſome of our East India Directors to repair hither, and to make new Repreſentations on that Head to the States General. The Porte ſeems at preſent very inclinable to live in Peace and good Neighbourhood with the Emperor, and all Powers of Chriſtendom; and all the Preparations which were intended againſt the Malteſe are quite laid aſide, upon Inſtances of his Imperial Majeſty, and upon Condition that the Malteſe will furthwith deliver up all the Turkiſh Priſoners that are in the Iſland. At the ſame time the Imperial Reſident at the Porte ſolicites for the Releaſe of all the Chriſtians that are Slaves in all Places ſubject to to the Grand Seignior. They write from France, that there have been ſeveral Aſſemblies of Proteſtants lately in the Cevenonis, but that one of them was ſurprized by a Party of Dragoons, and moſt of the Members taken Priſoners.

Hague, Auguſt 1. Laſt Thurſday the Directors of the East India Company preſented a new Memorial to the States, on account of the Company which is intended to be eſtabliſhed in the Auſtrian Netherlands, contrary to the Treaty of Munſter, confirmed by the Barrier Treaty. 'Tis talked that Mr. Peſters, Reſident of this State at Bruſſels, will ſhortly be ſent to Hanover, with a Commiſſion from the States General relating to the ſaid Company.

Lisbon, July 9. Some Rovers of Barbary having landed on the Coaſt of Gallicia, carried 60 Perſons into Slavery.

Viennae July 21. The Spaniſh Ambaſſador, who is expected at the Imperial Court, is, among other Things, to offer a Truce for Ten Years; but the Emperor inſiſts upon a perpetual Peace. Here is Advice from Turky, That the Ottoman Fleet is ſail'd for Malta, in order to exchange the Turkiſh Slaves againſt the like Number of Chriſtians.

Francfort, July 29. Here are handed about 3 Articles on the Part of the Emperor of Ruſſia to the King of Denmark, for preventing a Rupture: 1ſt, To acknowledge the Czar's new Title of Emperor. 2dly, To let the Ruſſian Ships paſs Toll-free thro' the Sound. And laſtly, To reſtore to the Duke of Holſtein, all his Dominions, particularly the Fortreſs of Tonningen, *&c.*

London, July 27. This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 103. Bank, 120, 5 8ths. India, 128, 1 half. African, 9, 2 4ths. York Buildings, 6, 1 half.

From the Weekly Journal, July 27, 1723.

We hear from Hamburg, That the Danes begin to be more and more uneaſy at the naval Armament of the Muſcovites. 'Twas given out, That the Fleet would not put to Sea in leſs than a Fourtnight, and that it was not known, whether his Czariſh Majeſty would embark thereon, or not: But, to their great Surprize, the laſt Poſt from Petersburg failed, and there is not one Letter come directly from thence by any Way. However, there are Advices from other Places, That the ſaid Fleet is actually ſailed, under the Command of Admiral Apraxin, and that the Czar himſelf is on board: That his Majeſty embarked with ſo much Privacy, as if it were intended for a Secret. A little before they ſailed, they were reinforced by 30 Galleys with Land Forces on board; and a Body of no leſs than 30000 Men were ordered to Rendezvous at a certain Place (not nam'd) by the Sea-ſide, in order, as is ſuppoſed, to be embarked for the ſaid Expedition. 'Tis added, That they have Proviſions on board for two Months: And, by the next Poſt they think they ſhall be able to judge, Whether all this be undertaken only *to exerciſe the Seamen.*

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Juſt 27.

Milan, July 10. This Day a Fire broke out among abundance of Barks laden with Wood and other Combuſtibles, whereby moſt of thoſe Veſſels were burnt; as were ſixteen of the beſt Houſes,

Vienna, July 21, 'Tis ſaid, that the King of Spain will ſend hither an Ambaſſador, to treat about ſome important Affair; but this News is not entirely credited.

Hamburg,

Hamburg, July 30, 'Tis confirmed from Petersburg, That the Ruſſian Fleet, conſiſting of 30 Men of War and 100 Gallies, are ſailed, with the Czar and the Duke of Holſtein, but upon what Expedition, was kept ſecret.

Antwerp, July 19. The Grand Council have approved the Act of Succeſſon of the Emperor, and have diſpatched their Secretary with this News, The King of great Britain continues in perfect Health at Herenhauſen, and will ſhortly divert himſelf with Hunting of the Stag, and ſhooting of Pheaſants.

Hamburg, Jul. 26. They write from Petersburg, That the Duke of Holſtein intends to remain there all Winter, and that he is daily more and more Careſſed by the Czar, who deſigns to confer upon him the general Government of moſt of his Dominions. We expect to hear very ſhortly, that the ſo long projected Marriage between that young Prince and his Czarian Majeſty's Daughter, is fully agreed upon.

They write from Domitz, the Duke of Mecklenburg's Reſidence, That he has ſent new Orders from Dantzick for the Commendant to be on his Guard, and to reſiſt Force by Force, in caſe the Troops of the Commiſſion ſhould attack that Place; and that he ſtill relies not only on being ſuccoured by the Czar, but alſo by ſome German Princes, who are for maintaining the Sovereignty of his Country, to the Prejudice of the Nobility.

Hague, July 28. The Differences between this Republick and the Court of Denmark remain unadjuſted.

They write from Bruſſels, That the Directors of the new Eaſt India Company there, have given publick Notice, that they will open their Books the 12 of next Month for Subſcriptions, to carry on that Trade. We have very good Reaſon to believe, that the Emperor will at laſt hearken to the Remonſtrances of France, Great Britain, and this Republick, againſt it.

London, July 27. We hear, that four Men of War are ordered to be fitted out for the Streights, which are to be commanded by Captain Trevor, who will be appointed Commodore.

From the Flying Poſt, July 27.

Paris, July 31. Mr. de Chavigny, late Envoy of France to the Republick of Genoa, is appointed to go to Hanover, and to proceed with the King of England from thence to London. the Duke of Lorain's eldeſt Son ſucceeds to all the Reverſions of the late Prince his Brother: He will ſet out ſhortly for the Court of Vienna, and 'tis believed that the Emperor will uſe his Intereſt to have him elected King of the Romans. The Italian Comedians, who have open'd their Theatre at the Fair of St. Laurence, are like to ſuffer more by a Set of Munkies that are brouget thither to dance upon the Rope, than by all the Raffling Booths and Puppet Shows in the Fair.

WYE's Letter verbatim, London, July 27, 1723.

Antegoa, May 24.

ON the firſt arrived here his Majeſty's Ship, the Wincheſter, and being informed that ſome Pyrates were landed on the Iſland of Tabago, ſailed directly thither, and ſetting the Men on ſhoar, they ſeized Capt. Fin, Commander of a Pyrate Ship, and 7 others, with 4 Negro-ſlaves, who were all aſleep: they found ſome Treaſure about them, and brought it to this Port. The ſaid Fin and 4 others have been executed and hung in Chains. It ſeems when Fiu, &c. were aſhore at Tabago, the reſt run away with his Ship.

They from Liverpole of the 33 Inſtant, that the Sarah and Mary of that Port were arrived there from Jamaica, and that both of them were in their Paſſage taken and Plundered by the Pyrates to the Value of 3 or 400 *l.* The Pyrates alſo took the ſame time 4 New-England Ships and barbarouſly cut off the Ears of one of the Captains, and oblig'd him to eat them, and afterwards ſunk the Ship.

Dartmouth July 23d, The Lark of Boſton from Maryland arrived here Yeſterday with Tobacco for Jerſy, and was plunder'd in her Paſſage by 2 Pyrates, which were cleared by the Sea-Horſe Man of War, who coming up with one of them, engaged her till ſhe ſunk, and then the other made off, and by Accident came up again with the Lark, who uſed the Capt. worſe than he did before, threatning to kill him for giving our Men of War notice of their Station, but by fair pleading he got from him and ſaved his Ship.

Yeſterday

Yesterday-morning Capt. Massey was convey'd from Newgate in a Mourning Coach, to Execution Dock, and there executed for Pyracy on the High Seas: He declared, That the Report of his having had a Design upon the Duke of Chandois's Life, was utterly false and groundless; and wished he was able to make Restitution to the Royal African Company, for the great Wrongs he had done them.

The Reverend Mr. Johnson, Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge, is instituted into the Rectory of Standish in Lancashire, worth 600 *L. per Annum*, to which he was presented by the University.

The Honourable Francis Willoughby, Esq; eldest Son of the Right Honourable the Lord Middleton, was last Thursday married to a Daughter of Thomas Edwards, of Lincoln's Inn Esq; Member of Parliament for Wells in Somersetshire.

The Author of *The True Briton* still continues with his Spanish Manuscript: From whence he pretends to be able to inform his Readers, of the unsufferable Situation under which the Spaniards laboured during the violent Government of Don Ferdinando and his Creatures; amongst which, Mention is made of one *Simony*. But if he goes on at the Rate he does, his Printer may come to suffer dear for it, tho' he himself is yet under Cover.

We hear that Mr. Adams, who keeps the Crown Tavern at Cripplegate, narrowly escaped having his Brains beat out last Thursday-night by the Mob, some of which call'd him Turn-coat Villain, *&c.* And 'tis said an Affidavit is made, That a certain Person gave a Sum of Money to make Rejoicings the Night that the Mob happened, which was the Time too, that Sir John Williams was declared Alderman; and to give Money on such an Occasion, we think is no more than what is customary.

But there's a Circumstance causes very great Discourse, which is, That the Morning after the Riot, John Lant and Two others charg'd with the Riot, were brought privately from the Custody of the Constable to the Crown Tavern above mentioned, in order to be documented and instructed by certain Persons there present, in the Things they were to say when before the Lord Mayor: Of which Mr. Kent the Messenger and another, having Notice, went into the Room, and made Remonstrances against these Proceedings; so that John Lant and his Accomplices were immediately sent back.

Last Wednesday the Sessions ended at Guilford, where 900 Minters were discharged; and 'tis computed, that 600 more of them remain to be discharged.

The Sale of the East India Company, the 30 Proximo will be put up, 3000 Bales of Coffee; but no Tea will be sold till March next.

The Czar demands of the King of Denmark to restore to the D. of Holstein all his Dominions, and in Case of Refusal, 'tis thought a Rupture will ensue.

Edinburgh, August 1. Yesterday the *Scots* Regiment of Fusiliers, incamped in St. Ann's Yards, near this City.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

******* That the Town and Lands of *Stow* with the Mansion-house, Orchyard, Planting, Parks, Inclosures and Dovecote; the Lands of *Cribbulaw*, and *Overlugget*, *Wedderstoun* and *Birksneip*; lying 16 Miles *South* from *Edinburgh*, within the Paroch of *Stow*, and Sheriffdom of *Edinburgh*; being of yearly free Rent, 2400 *l.* *Scots* or thereby, holding Feu of the Crown; are to be sold. Whoever inclines to purchase the same, may see the Progress of Writs and Rental in the Hands, of *James Wilkieson*, at *Alexander Glass*, Writer to the Signet, his Chamber, opposite to the *Tolbooth*.

That

⁂ That the Lands of *Chaplehill*, consisting of a Twelve-mark-land, holding of the Crown, within the Parishin of *Peebles*; is to be exposed to Sale by voluntary Roup, upon the 15th Day of *August* Instant, in the House of *Robert Brown*, Vintner in the *Land-market* of *Edinburgh*, betwixt the Hours of Two and six in the Afternoon: There is a Mansion-house lately built with a new Sclate-roof upon it, good Yards, Parks and Planting, old and young; a Seat, and Burial-place in the Kirk of *Peebles*; free of Thirlage to any Mill, and is capable of Improvement. Any Person who designs to purchase the said Lands, or a Part thereof, may see the Rental, Progress of the Writs, and Conditions of the Roup, in the Hands of Mr. *James Baillie*, Writer to the Signet, at his Lodging or Writing Chamber, upon the North-side of the Street, near the Cross of *Edinburgh*.

⁂ That upon the 27th Day of *July*, 1723, *Thomas Wat*, Souldier in Captain *Richard Hulls* Company of the *Royal North British Fuzaliers*, now lying in the *Canongate*, deserted from the said Regiment upon the above Day, so if any Person or Persons can apprehend and deliver the said *Thomas* to the said Regiment, shall have five Pounds Sterl. Reward from the said Captain *Hull* instantly payed. The said *Thomas* was Boru in the Paroch of *Prestonhall*, East Lothian, aged 27 Years, Standard five Foot nine inches, pockfreted, and of a Tannish Complection.

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N. B. The 2d Quarter of the 4th Year of the *Caledonian Mercury*, commenced the 28th of *July* last: So 'tis expected the Subscribers will send in the current Quarter Payment: As also, all who are in Arrears, either for Quarter Payments or *Advertisements*, are desir'd to advert hereto.

bary and Gibraltar, for Corn, Wax and Copper, which this Court had for ſome Time entirely prohibited, upon a Rumour (ſince found to be groundleſs) of the Plague's being in Barbary.

Letters from Cadix of the 13th Inſtant adviſe, That the Flotilla ſail'd from thence the 9th for New Spain, under the Command of Commodore Serrano; the Duties collected for the King upon the Goods laden on this Flotilla, amount to the Sum of 100,000 Piſtoles, which is reckoned here to be very conſiderable, and proves the Cargo to be larger than 'twas apprehended it would be. The Marquis de Lede and his Lady are arrived here from Paris.

Stockholm, July 10, O. S. On Thurſday a Memorial was read before the Nobles, concerning the Preſervation of the Wood in this Kingdom: 'Twas reſolved, That a Decree ſhould be forthwith iſſued out with regard to that Affair. The ſame Day the Committee for the Copper and Iron Mines gave the Houſe to underſtand, That thoſe Mines were in ſuch a Manner exhauſted, that they hardly countervalued the Charge of working them: Wherefore the Committee recommended it, that certain Rewards and Privileges might be granted to thoſe who ſhould find out and work new ones. 'Twas agreed accordingly, That an Ordinance ſhould be drawn up, wherein very conſiderable Privileges ſhould be granted to ſuch as ſhould diſcover and work new Mines of Copper and Iron.

From the Flying Poſt, July 30.

Hague, Auguſt 11. The Pope's Nuncio is very earneſt with the Great Duke of Tuſcany, to maintain the Rights of that called the Holy Office of Inquiſition at Piſa, which complains, That the Engliſh, and other Proteſtants at Leghorn, &c. have by Degrees introduced great Abuſes into Religion, by inviting Papiſts to their Ceremonies, by making them ſtand Sureties for their Children, and by eating Fleſh on Days forbidden. Therefor its expected, that a Prohibition will be iſſued to the Papiſts, not to meddle in their Ceremonies, or to eat with them at Marriage Feaſts and Chriſtmaſs.

The Queen of Pruſſia, who ſet out from Berlin: on the 21ſt ult. at Three a Clock in the Morning, arrived on the 23d at Herenhauſen, where ſhe was received by her Royal Father the K. of G. Britain, with great Marks of Tenderneſs and Affection, and was complimented on her happy Arrival by Prince Frederick, and by all Perſons of Diſtinction of both Sexes, both at Court and in the City. A double Guard is kept at Herenhauſen during her ſtay.

On the 25th at Night, they had a violent Storm about Francfort, of Thunder and Lightning, Rain and Hail, of which ſome Stones fell as large as Pidgeons Eggs. A Barn in the Neighbourhood was conſumed, and all the ſtanding Corn was quite ſpoiled. And on the 27th there was ſo violent a Hurrican at Bruſſells, that moſt of the Houſes in the Upper-town ſhook, the Roofs of ſome being quite carried away; and many Trees tore up by the Roots. It ſeems that People don't crowd to the Subſcription Books of the Eaſt India Company, near ſo much as was expected.

London, July 30. 'Tis ſaid the Count and Counteſs of Lippe are arrived from Flanders.

The Duke and Dutcheſs of Richmond, are ſailed for Holland in the Mary Yacht.

London, July 30. Laſt Saturday, one David Smith, a Scots Man, was committed to Newgate, for aſſaulting and dangerouſly wounding, with a felonious Intent to robb and Murder Mr. Campbell and his Wife, who keeps a Brandy Shop at Dolehead at St. Cathrin's near the Tower. The ſaid Smith ſeems a ſmall Dealer in Dutch Goods, and had been often aſſiſted and kindly entertain'd by the Perſons above mentioned; but deſiring them to lend him ſome Money on Friday, was refuſed, and told, that they had only 20 *l.* in the Houſe, which they deſign'd to pay their Diſtiller the next Day. Whereupon he left them, and went to ſee Capt. Maffey executed, and in his Return went to the Minories and bought an old ſhort Dagger which he concealed under his Coat, and having importun'd the aforeſaid Perſons to lie that Night at that Houſe becauſe it rain'd, tho' his own Lodging was not far off, this with ſome Difficulty was granted.

About

About one or two o' Clock on Saturday Morning, he got up, and went into the Room where the ſaid Mr. Campbell and his Wife lay, and with the Dagger firſt ſtabb'd and cutt him in about twelve Places; but the Man getting up, caught hold of him, and threw him down in the Chimney-Corner, Crying out, *Thieves, Murder*, and *David for God's ſake aſſiſt me*, Till feeling an old Velvet Cap on his Head, he found David to be the Man he had to deal with; *Oh* ſays he, *is it you?* Ay ſays t'other, pray ſay nothing. The wounded Man wreſted the Dagger from him, and being in great Agony and Surprize, and not knowing what he did, threw it down upon the Bed, and ran down Stairs to open the Door and call the Watch; but by the great Expence of Blood fainted by the Way. In the mean time, David groping about the Room, found the bloody Inſtrument, and ſtabb'd and cut Mrs. Campbell in nine or ten Places, ad as ſhe was getting out of the Window backward, ſtuck her deep in the Leg. If their Wounds are not mortal, 'tis providentially oweing to the Darkneſs of the Night, which made the young Ruffian ſtrike at Random. When their Diſmal Outcries had raiſed the Neighbourhood, he got out at a Garret Window, and climmed to the next Houſe, where he was taken, being afterwards carried before a Juſtice of Peace, he confeſſed the Whole, and ſign'd his Confeſſion, viz. That his Deſign was to murder them both, to rob the Houſe, and run away to Holland with the Money. The Man and the Woman are dangerouſly ill of their Wounds; eſpecially the Former, whoſe Life is deſpaired of.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, July 30.

Hanover, July 30, Mr. Scot his Majeſty's Envoy extraordinary to the King of Pruſſia, arrived here yeſterday from Berlin. On Wedneſday Night there was a Ball at Herenhauſen, at which her Majeſty the Queen of Pruſſia, and a great many Perſons of Diſtinction were preſent.

Hague, Auguſt 3. Letters from Petersburg of the 12 paſt, confirm the Advices we have from Dantzick, of the Ruſſian Fleets being at Sea with the following Circumſtances; that it conſiſts of 30 Men of War, 100 Gallies, beſides other Veſels; that the Czar himſelf is on Board, with the Duke of Holſtein, and two of his chief Miniſters: But private Letters from Cronſlot ſay, That his Czarian Majeſty was ſtill there at the coming away of the Poſt, and that he would not put to Sea with his Fleet, before the Feſtival of St. Peter ad Vincula.

Paris, Auguſt 4. 'Tis now certain, that the King will not reſide next Winter in this City, as it was expected he would, becauſe Orders are given to fit up the Theatre at Verſailles, where there are to be three Plays a Week, one French, and two Italian. Cardinal Du-Bois Illneſs has put a Stop to all Buſineſs, and occaſions great Cabals at Court. 'Tis ſaid great Alterations will be made in the Miniſtry. The ſmall Pox continues very rife in this City, and very mortal.

'Tis diſcourſed there will be a new Reduction of the Value of Louis D'ors.

They write from the Hague, That the ſo long talked of Equipment of a Squadron of Ships to cruize upon the Algerines, and ſecure our Navigation in the Mediterranean, is vaniſhed into Smoak, ſo that our Merchantmen will be expoſed to the ſame Danger as formerly: Nor do we hear, that the Spaniards have fitted out any Men of War, to crub the Inſolences of the Barbarians.

We receive almoſt every Poſt, very diſmall Accounts of the cruel Perſecution which the Proteſtants in the Palatinate ſtill groan under, without any Proſpect of full Relief, their Grievances, inſtead of being abated, are multiplied by the Prieſts, at the Inſtigation of the Court of Rome. 'Tis now pretended, that nothing farther can be done, till the Emperor comes back from Bohemia, which will hardly be before November next.

London, July 30. We hear, that upon the Departure of the Queen of Pruſſia from Hanover, the Court there will go into Mourning for ſome Weeks, and that their Royal Highneſſes at Richmond will do ſo likewiſe, on Occaſion of the Death of one of the Princes of the Houſe of Lorain.

Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales, being ſeveral Weeks gone with Child, is frequently viſited by Doctor Chamberlain.

WYE's Letter verbatim, July 30, 1723.

Durham, July 26.

LAſt Wedneſday about 4 in the Evening arrived here the Right Reverend Dr. Talbot, Biſhop of Durham: His Lordſhip was met ſome Miles diſtant from this Place by ſome Hundreds on Horſeback, and at the Town-end, by 15 Banners belonging to the Trades of this Corporation; and about 20 Coaches attended his Lordſhip. The Cavalcade was very handſome: His Lordſhip was conducted to his Palace with Wind and other Inſtrumental Muſic, Drums beating, Bells ringing; and vaſt Numbers on Foot attended. There was alſo a magnificent Entertainment for the Gentlemen that attended his Lordſhip, and Plenty of Bread and ſtrong Beer, for the inferiour Sort of People. The Gates of the Caſtle were opened for any to go in; and in ſhort, there was not any Thing deficient. The next Morning, the Bells of our Churches rung for about 2 Hours, with Drums beating and other Muſic.

There is now publiſhed, *The Defence of the late Biſhop of* Rocheſter, *at the Bar of the Houſe of Lords, the 9th & 11th of* May *laſt, againſt the Bill for inflicting Pains and Penalties on him; by* William Wynn, *Eſq, one of his Lordſhip's Council:* Who, in the ſaid *Defence*, P. 33, expreſſes thus, *viz.*

" There's a noble Inſtance on Record of the Lord *Digby*, and which is worthy " of one's Imitation: He had been, *My Lords*, one of the moſt violent Managers " in the Impeachment of my Lord *Strafford*; and yet, when that Proceeding was " waved, and a Bill of Attainder was brought in, he ſpoke as violently againſt " it, tho' he was ſtill of opinion (he ſaid) that the ſaid Lord was the ſame dan- " gerous Miniſter, and the ſame great Apoſtate to the Commonwealth; who muſt " not expect to be pardoned in this World, till he was diſpatched to another: " Yet that he'd rather loſe his Hand, than put it to that Diſpatch. *He puts them* " *in mind*, of the Difference between *Proſecutors* and *Judges*, and how unbecoming " that Fervour was in them, now that they were *Judges*, which perhaps might be " commendable in them, as *Proſecutors*. That when he gave his Conſent to the " Accuſation, he was aſſur'd his Crimes would have been fully and legally prov'd; " which if they had, he could have condemn'd him with Innocency, if he had " proſecuted him with Earneſtneſs: But as the Caſe *Then* appeared, no Man " could juſtifie his Conſcience in the doing of it. The Parliament, 'tis true, had " a Judicial and Legiſlative Capacity; the Meaſure of the One ought to be Le- " gally juſt, the Other, Political and Prudential: But theſe two Capacities are " not to be confounded in Judgment; they were not to piece up (*ſays he*) the " Want of Legality, by Matters of Conveniency, to the Ruin of a Man, by a " Law made *ex poſteriori*. What can I ſay more? For it muſt appear to Your " Lordſhips by this Time, That this Proceeding is contrary to public Wiſdom, " and unjuſt in it ſelf; That the Reaſons and Suggeſtions upon which it is groun- " ded, have not not been prov'd, with any Colour of legal Evidence, or with a- " ny Degree of Proof or Probability, which ought to ſatisfie the Conſcience of an " *honeſt reaſonable* Man!

On Sunday laſt died in Panton-ſtreet, Piccadilly, the Reverend Dr. Fairfax, Dean of Doun and Connor; which is reckoned to be worth 1300 *L.* a-year.

Yeſterday being the laſt Day of drawing the State Lottery, one Major Brazier, formerly a great Dealer in Stocks, bought that Morning a Ticket at the exceſſive Price of 25 Guineas and an half: But the Major, immediately after paying the Money, had News brought him, that the ſaid Ticket was drawn a Prize of 2000 *L.*

We hear that two Tickets, Prizes, were amiſſing at the finiſhing of the Lottery, which occaſioned a very great Buſtle.

'Tis now ſaid the Transfer Books of the S. S. Company will be opened the 21 *Proximo*, and the Dividend, the 15th of the ſaid Month.

The Cloſe of laſt Week died the Duke of Ancaſter, and is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his Son the Marquis of Lindſay, as alſo in the Office of Chamberlain, which is hereditary in that Noble Family.

This Morning the Duke of Grafton ſet out for Ireland.

This Day Mr. Payne, the Printer and Publiſher of *The True Briton*, was committed to Newgate by the Court of Aldermen.

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Edinburgh, July 5, 1723. Thurſday laſt, being the Anniverſary of His Majeſty's thrice happy Acceſſion to the Throne, the Right Honourable, the Lord Provoſt, together with the other Magiſtrats and Town Council of the City, met in the Council-houſe; where they drank a Health to his moſt Sacred Majeſty King *George*, to the Prince and Princeſs of *Wales*, and to all the Royal Family, and his Majeſty's ſafe and happy Return to his Dominions; each Health being accompanied with a Volley of ſmall Shot by the City Guard, and the loud Acclamations of all Spectators. The Day concluded with Ringing of Bells, Illuminations, *&c.*

Haddingtoun, Auguſt 2, 1723.

Beſt Wheat, 09 *L.* 04 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto*, 08 *L.* 14 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto*, 08 *L.* 10 *ſh.*
Beſt Bear, 07 *L.* 14 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto*, 07 *L.* 10 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto*, 07 *L.* 6 *ſh.*
Beſt Oats, 06 *L.* 05 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto*, 06 *L.* 00 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto*, 05 *L.* 12 *ſh.*
Beſt Peaſe, 07 *L.* 3 *ſh.*	2d *Ditto*, 07 *L.* 00 *ſh.*	3d *Ditto*, 06 *L.* 14 *ſh.*
New Bear 07 *L.* 10 *ſh.*		
New Oats 04 *L.* 7 *ſh.*		

ADVERTISEMENTS.

‡†‡ *Theſe are to advertiſe, that any Perſon who wants fine Seed Wheat, being laſt Year from* London, *and ſowen upon Summer fallow; may be furniſhed betwixt the Middle and End of* Auguſt, *with an Quantity they beſpeak, at* Sheens, *near* Edinburgh. *Call for* David Hederwick, *there, Price Twenty Shillings Soerling* per *Boll.*

† That upon the 27th Day of *July*, 1723, *Thomas Wat*, Souldier in Captain *Richard Hulls* Company of the *Royal North Britiſh Fuzaliers*, now lying in the *Canongate*, deſerted from the ſaid Regiment upon the above Day, ſo if any Perſon or Perſons can apprehend and deliver the ſaid *Thomas* to the ſaid Regiment, ſhall have five Pounds Sterl. Reward from the ſaid Captain *Hull* inſtantly payed. The ſaid *Thomas* was Boru in the Paroch of *Preſtonhall*, Eaſt Lothian, aged 27 Years, Standard five Foot nine inches, pockfreted, and of a Tanniſh Complection.

*** That the Lands of *Chaplehill*, conſiſting of a Twelve-mark-land, holding of the Crown, within the Paroſhin of *Peebles*; is to be expoſed to Sale by voluntary Roup, upon the 15th Day of *Auguſt* Inſtant, in the Houſe of *Robert Brown*, Vintner in the *Land-market* of *Edinburgh*, betwixt the Hours of Two and ſix in the Afternoon. There is a Manſion-houſe lately built with a new Sclate-roof upon it, good Yards, Parks and Planting, old and young; a Seat, and Burial-place in the Kirk of *Peebles*; free of Thirladge to any Mill, and is capable of Improvement. Any Perſon who deſigns to purchaſe the ſaid Lands, or a Part thereof, may ſee the Rental, Progreſs of the Writs, and Conditions of the Roup, in the Hands of Mr. *James Baillie*, Writer to the Signet, at his Lodging or Writing Chamber, upon the North-ſide of the Street, near the Croſs of *Edinburgh*.

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N. B. The 2d Quarter of the 4th Year of the *Caledonian Mercury*, commenced the 28th of *July* laſt: So 'tis expected the Subſcribers will ſend in the current Quarter Payment: As alſo, all who are in Arrears, either for Quarter Payments or *Advertiſements*, are deſir'd to advert hereto.